

**REP. UPTON (R-MI): ALLIED LANDFILL PORTION OF THE ALLIED
PAPER/PORTAGE CREEK/KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND CLEANUP**

QUESTION: “What is the status of the cleanup at the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site in central Michigan?”

ANSWER:

- * EPA plans to propose a final cleanup alternative for the Allied Landfill this summer has been working with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the city of Kalamazoo, since April 2014, developing consolidation and capping alternatives that maximize redevelopment at the Allied Landfill property.
- * EPA, in conjunction with the City of Kalamazoo and MDEQ will conduct extensive and varied outreach activities with interested parties through spring 2015.
- * On February 26, 2015 EPA and MDEQ will participate in a public meeting hosted by the city. Prior to the meeting, the three parties will meet with the media. Based on public input, EPA will add one of the new ‘redevelopment configurations’ to the Feasibility Study as an addendum and issue a proposed cleanup plan after finalizing the addendum.
- * EPA evaluated cleanup alternatives for the Allied Landfill ranging from on-site consolidation and capping of the waste (\$41M) to complete removal and off-site disposal of the waste (\$184M).
- * EPA conducted extensive stakeholder outreach about cleanup alternatives under consideration, and is planning another public meeting in April.

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BACKGROUND:

- Allied Landfill, located along Portage Creek in Kalamazoo, is the largest potential source of PCB-contaminated paper waste to the Kalamazoo River system.
- In 1998-1999, EPA excavated 150,000 cubic yards of contaminated material from Portage Creek and consolidated it into Allied Landfill, removing the most imminent threat to Portage Creek.
- * The city is no longer pursuing total removal of Allied Landfill, instead collaborating with EPA and MDEQ on new consolidation and capping configurations that maximize potential redevelopment at the property. The city met citizen groups and issued a press release, in December 2014, regarding the city’s reasons for changing its approach to the site. Feedback has been supportive.
- * The City of Kalamazoo and certain citizen groups are concerned that Allied Landfill may pose a threat to the city well-field and have advocated for complete removal of all PCB contaminated material from the landfill as the final remedial action.
- Congressional Inquiries. We’ve had congressional interest from Rep. Upton (R-MI), as well

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as Sens. Levin (D-MI) and Stabenow (D-MI). Rep. Upton supports supports the collaborative efforts of EPA, MDEQ and the city of Kalamazoo in the development of a new alternativecomplete removal of all PCB-contaminated material from the landfill.

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